



Wildland Fire Updates

June 25, 2013
Last Updated: 6:30 p.m.

Contacts
Report Fires: 911
AFS/DOF Public Affairs: (907) 356-5511

Future updates will be provided when significant changes in activity occur.

6/25 – 6:30 p.m. New Fires in the Fairbanks Area

Florice Fire - As of 7:00 p.m. progress was made on the fire and the evacuation was cancelled.

The Florice Fire is burning south of Peede Rd, east of Nordale Road by Florice Drive. It was growing to the south according to the last size up. The situation is still emerging, so people are asked to stay out of the area to allow the firefighters to access the fire. It is currently burning in black spruce and at last size up was moving into an area with thick hardwoods and towards a slough. Upon initial size up, it was three-five acres, but it is growing with some spotting ahead of itself. A taskforce of engines are headed to the fire, in addition to crews, smokejumpers, and additional aircraft.

Skinny's Road Fire

At 2:30 a new fire was reported to the Fairbanks area by a private citizen, about three miles north of the Parks Highway Mile Post 324, north of Skinny Dick's Inn. Three water-scooping tankers, a retardant tanker, Air Attack, helitack, and crews responded immediately. The fire was reported as 10 acres and burning in white spruce and was last reported at 5:00 p.m. as approximately 80 acres.

6/25 – Fire Information Gathering

- Situation Report (information about individual fires) <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- Maps <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
- Fire-related news releases <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>
- Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/weather/outlooks/FFBehavior.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Guide (includes information about emergency preparedness and post-fire conditions on p. 7, wildland fire smoke, and more) http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/Alaska_Wildland_Fire_Guide_2013.pdf

BLM Alaska Fire Service/Division of Forestry combined Fire Information Office at **907-356-5511**. *If call volume is heavy, please keep calling back if you do not initially reach us.*

Fire information for **southwest Alaska**: 907-524-0063

Fire information for the **Fairbanks Area**: 907-451-2704

Fire information for the **Chisana River Fire**, visible from the Yukon Territory and into Alaska: 907-883-1420, <http://inciweb.org/incident/3440/> and <http://www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>

Smoke may be visible to the public and could impact areas in proximity to fires. If smoke impacts roadways, motorists are asked to use caution, slow down, and drive with their headlights on. Updated information on travel

conditions can be found at <http://511.alaska.gov>.

Seven new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center on Monday. Fifteen fires are staffed statewide, but this number will change as new fires start throughout the day that require response. Fire managers are prioritizing the movement of aircraft and personnel to be positioned to respond to new fires. So far this year, 327 fires statewide have burned approximately 447,041 acres.

Alaskan agencies are supplementing firefighting resources and are prepared to address the situation, though multiple fire starts, no matter what the cause, could lead to resource shortages. Alaska has added additional air tankers (including water scooping, and retardant), helicopters (including the helirappeler crews), smokejumpers, Interagency Hotshot Crews, and over head to its existing firefighting forces. A task force of engines was formed for statewide initial attack and includes U.S Forest Service, Division of Forestry, and cooperator engines.

Thanks to the public for their efforts in preventing fires thus far. Please continue to exercise diligence in preventing fires. Ensure that campfires are legal before you build them and fully extinguished when you leave. If you plan to burn debris, obtain and adhere to Alaska Division of Forestry guidelines and suspensions as outlined by <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>. For information about emergency closures for campfires in National Parks in Alaska, visit <http://www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>.

Information from past days -

6/25 – Prospect Creek #332 – The fire near the pipeline, Pump Station #5 increased in activity and growth. Observed fire behavior included continuous crowning, group tree torching, and spotting 1/4 mile in front of the fire. The main direction of growth was to the south and southwest. The fire grew in all directions and is 12,500 acres. Fire personnel provided information to local residents. The fire remains in monitor status.

6/24 – Tok Area – Alaska Division of Forestry is monitoring two wildfires that are visible from the communities of Dot Lake and Chicken. The Billy Creek Fire is burning approximately 15 miles northeast of Dot Lake and is visible from the Alaska Highway; the fire was started by lightning Saturday. The Dennison Fork Fire is burning approximately seven miles southeast of Chicken; the fire was started by lightning on June 20.

Chisana River Fire #145 – The fire is approximately 13 miles west of the Canadian border, 18 miles west of Beaver Creek, Yukon, Canada and 21 miles northeast of Chisana. While growth of the fire has slowed in recent days, the high temperatures and low relative humidity forecasted for the coming week will lead to fire growth. Fire managers have developed contingency plans, positioned resources, and have identified management action points to work from should backcountry improvements or natural or cultural resources are threatened.

Information Gathering/Additional References

www.inciweb.nwcg.gov

www.twitter.com

Alaska Fire Service account: **@BLM_AFS**

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **@AK_Forestry**

Bureau of Land Management account: **@BLMALaska**

National Park Service account: **@AlaskaNPS**

US Fish and Wildlife Service account: **@USFWSAlaska**

Alaska Fire Consortium: **@AKfirescience**

www.facebook.com

BLM Alaska Fire Service account: **BLM Alaska Fire Service**

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AK.Forestry**

Bureau of Land Management account: **BLMALaska**

National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**

US Fish and Wildlife Service account: **USFWSAlaska**

www.youtube.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AlaskaDNRDOF**

National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
- Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
- Alaska Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation Report: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Interagency Newsroom (Media Guide): <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group - Education and Reference Materials:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Alaska Fire Consortium: <http://akfireconsortium.uaf.edu>
- Protect your home and property!: <http://firewise.org/> and
- <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- BLM Alaska Fire Service: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry: <http://forestry.alaska.gov>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/nature/fire/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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